

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 32 is added. Claim 19 is amended. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

1. (Represented.) A process for preparing an enzyme containing particle, said process comprising spray drying a fermentation broth starting material comprising an enzyme and a biomass, to obtain a solid particle comprising an enzyme and a biomass.
2. (Represented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the fermented microorganism in the biomass is a strain selected from *Bacillus*, *Candida*, *Hansenula*, *Kluyveromyces*, *Pichia*, *Saccharomyces*, *Schizosaccharomyces*, *Yarrowia*, *Acremonium*, *Aspergillus*, *Fusarium*, *Humicola*, *Mucor*, *Myceliophthora*, *Neurospora*, *Penicillium*, *Thielavia*, *Tolypocladium*, and *Trichoderma*.
3. (Represented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the enzyme is selected from oxidoreductases (EC 1.-.-.), transferases (EC 2.-.-.), hydrolases (EC 3.-.-.), lyases (EC 4.-.-.), isomerases (EC 5.-.-.) and ligases (EC 6.-.-.).
4. (Represented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the biomass in the solid particle constitutes at least 10% of the biomass originating from the fermentation broth starting material.
5. (Represented.) The process of claim 4, wherein the biomass in the solid particle constitutes at least 50% of the biomass originating from the fermentation broth starting material.
6. (Represented.) The process of claim 5, wherein the biomass in the solid particle constitutes at least 75% of the biomass originating from the fermentation broth starting material.
7. (Represented.) The process of claim 6, wherein the biomass in the solid particle constitutes at least 90% of the biomass originating from the fermentation broth starting material.

8. (Represented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the broth contains 0-30% w/w dry matter.

Claims 9-10 (Cancelled.)

11. (Represented.) The process of claim 1, further comprising de-sludging of the broth before spray drying.

Claims 12-13 (Withdrawn.)

14. (Represented.) The process of claim 1, wherein additives selected from inorganic salts, inorganic minerals or clays, carbohydrates, coloring pigments, cellulose or derivatives thereof, biocides, dispersants, anti foaming agents, viscosity regulating agents, acid agents, alkaline agents, enzyme stabilizers, enzyme inhibitors, binders, other enzymes and combinations thereof has been added to the starting material.

15. (Represented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the starting material has been subjected to a physical treatment selected from heating, cooling, radiating, mixing, aerating and ultra-sound treatment.

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Claim 16 (Cancelled.)

17. (Represented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the starting material has been sterilised.

18. (Represented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the starting material has been treated to hydrolyse polynucleotides present in the starting material.

19. (Currently Amended.) The process of claim 1, wherein the [starting material is a] fermentation broth [or a fermentation filtrate containing] contains at least 3 mg active enzyme protein per liter liquid phase.

20. (Represented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the starting material has a viscosity of 5-5000 cps.

21. (Represented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the spray drying comprises the step of atomising the starting material by means of an atomising device selected from high speed rotating disk atomizers, pressure nozzle atomizers, pneumatic nozzle atomizers, sonic nozzle atomizers and Rayleigh atomisers.

22. (Represented.) The process of claim 21, wherein the atomising devise is a Rayleigh atomiser.

23. (Represented.) The process of claim 1, further comprising the step of additional drying of the spray dried particles in a fluid bed dryer.

24. (Represented.) The process of claim 1, wherein the spray dried particles has a SPAN value below about 2.5.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn.)

26. (Represented.) A particle comprising an enzyme and a biomass.

D 27. (Represented.) The particle of claim 26, obtained from a process selected from spray drying a fermentation broth, granulating a spray dried fermentation broth, coating a spray dried fermentation broth and granulating and coating a spray dried fermentation broth.

28. (Represented.) A composition comprising the particles of claim 26.

Claim 29-31 (Cancelled.)

32. (New.) A process for preparing an enzyme containing particle, said process comprising spray drying a sterilized fermentation broth starting material comprising an enzyme and a biomass, to obtain a solid particle comprising an enzyme and a biomass.